

Weekly Sub Committee Memos

Week: 28.11.23

Academic Affairs

Item / Action / task	Description	Noting / Discussion / Approval
Class Rep Handbook	Almost at completion and ready to go out to reps.	Noting
Class rep Recruitment phase two	Form link is live and is being promoting via our social media. I've also emailed heads of disciplines and heads of school about the form	Noting
Tallaght registration issues	Got an email updating me on the issues and I have forwarded it to the student advisors and Sheran	Noting

Campus & Facilities

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City: Meeting with building manager	Met with the building manager to discuss Bolton and Linenhall	Noting
City: Meeting with sports about furniture	Met with head of sports to discuss furniture	Noting

City: Working with sustainability about furniture	Working with sustainability to get sustainable furniture	Noting
City: Working to secure free gym hours	Working with the president to secure off peak free gym hours	Noting
City: Working on Canteen policy	Working on a policy to subsidize canteens	Noting
City: Working to repair/replace projectors in BST and LH	Working to secure funding to make sure all projectors are working	Noting
Cit: Class rep meetings for BST AST and CQ	Class rep meetings took place	Noting
City: Palestine Solidarity	Solidarity action for Palestine	Noting
Blanchardstown: Common Room	Closed Common Room due to anti-social behaviour and have increased security measures further	Noting
Blanchardstown: Furniture	Working with sustainability to obtain sustainable furniture	Noting
Blanchardstown: Accessibility	Key switches to be replaced, awaiting further updates	Noting
Blanchardstown Transport	Working towards gaining University support for transport campaign and received feedback from Exec	Noting

Communications and Media

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Events and Engagement

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Shave or Dye	Due to some participants not feeling safe on campus it was decided to postpone to the week of the 11th	Noting
Christmas Cards and Print	They have been printed and arrived and go on sale this week	noting
Sleep Out	Happens this friday. Its going to be cold	noting

National and USI Affairs

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President

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Plebiscite	Plan remains for one to go ahead in Semester 2	Discussion
Meeting Updates	VP Research & Innovation, Partnership Agreement, University Finance	Noting

Palestine Event Tomorrow	Update Executive	Noting
FOI Items	Palestine/Israel, Seating, Blanchardstown Parking	Noting
EDI + TUDSU Collaboration Event (Response to Riots)	Update Executive	Discussion
Crisis Response Policy	Working with University	Noting
Bradogue Furniture + Open Gym Hours Update	Update Executive	Noting
Student Charter Update	Met with USI	Noting
Student Council Motions/Policies	Canteens, Parking, Gyms, etc	Noting

Welfare & Equality

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Social Justice Week	Plans are ongoing and it takes off the first week of Dec.	Noting
Remembrance Day @BST	The Chaplaincy hosted this, we were invited, and I attended. The attendance was mainly staff, barely any students attended even though the service was hosted during lunch break	Noting
Operation Transformation	This has been postponed to next year to coincide with the main launch	Noting
EDI Community Lunch& Meet	EDI through the N-Tutor program, hosted Access and International students for lunch on AST. This was well attended, and they promised to host more of these in the coming year.	Noting
Doctoral Society	They reached out through their Chair Andrea seeking more collaboration with the SU among other University groups. They have agreed to include all Postgraduate students, including master's students in their engagements away from what has been the norm	Noting
EQ Emergency exit access	It came to our attention that EQ has no emergency exit access following a fire drill last week where a student in a wheelchair could not be	

	evacuated. We have written to DSS, EDI and Students Services seeking a response.	
Motions	I am working on two motions, to be presented to the Student Council for discussion and perhaps, approval.	Noting
Blood donation Drive	We intent to carry this out and I reached out to the Irish Blood Transfusion Service to understand what is required for such an event. I am waiting for them to share contacts of the registered health and medical professionals that we need that support such drives within Dublin.	Noting
Part-time students on medical services	This was brought to our attention that Part time students do not have access to TU Dublin medical services and after consultation with the relevant University departments, we were informed that they are not included because they do not pay student contributions and that most of them have access through their employers.	Noting

MINUTES BELOW

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Date: 28.11.23

Location: MS Teams

Present: **Brian Jordan** **President (Chair)**
 Ian Kelly **Vice President for Events & Engagement**
 Nekesa Khisa Nancy **Vice President for Welfare & Equality**
 Shauna O Toole **Vice President for Academic Affairs**
 Jeremy Lawler **Blanchardstown Campus Vice President**
 Peter McCann **City Campus Vice President**
 Sheran Bahadir **Tallaght Campus Vice President**

Apologies: **Louise Kavanagh** **Deputy President & Vice President for
Communications & Media**

In attendance: **Caoimhín Kelly** **(Clerk)**

Note	Action
<p>Matters Arising from 21.11.2023.</p> <p>The President submitted requests for Freedom of Information regarding various queries.</p> <p>The VP for Academic Affairs has set up a meeting for discussion over the new Student Charter.</p>	

The VP for Blanch updated that progress is ongoing in relation to the AQAEC Feedback.

Work has been done on the subsidization policy being presented by the Executive.

A discussion is taking place on Thursday, 30th of November on the induction of a Intern in the SU.

VP for Events and Engagement has sent out the list of 'to-do's' for the Executive in relation to Christmas Week in the University.

The President will have an official update on their visit to Cyprus for the next Student Council.

The Executive will discuss moving a plebiscite in this week's Executive Meeting.

Drafting a paper on TUDSU's USI affiliation has commenced.

The VP for Welfare and Equality will be investigating a Food Bank motion in time for the next Student Council.

The VP for Welfare and Equality will be following up more on the Group Insurance Scheme as was passed in the last Student Council.

<p>Academic Affairs</p> <p>The Class Rep handbook is almost at completion and ready to go out to reps. On Class Rep Recruitment, Form link is live and is being promoting via the TUD SU's social media. Heads of disciplines and Heads of School have also been informed on the form.</p> <p>Tallaght Registration Issues have been responded to and updated on, with the Student Advisors having been consulted alongside VP for Tallaght.</p>	
<p>Campus and Facilities</p> <p>Blanchardstown:</p> <p>There has been an increase in anti-social behaviour, with the SU closing for the next two days. Issues have arisen around treatment of staff and vaping indoors.</p> <p>VP for Blanchardstown has contacted the University for more security and the University accepted this request. It has been noted that Estates will also helping the SU in the aftermath of the incidents.</p> <p>Further to this, the Safety Committee have been informed on the anti-social problems in the SU, and the VP documented that they will</p>	

be meeting with the Committee in the coming weeks.

The VP for Blanchardstown has been working with Sustainability to obtain sustainable furniture for the SU.

City:

The City Campus has received 2 Seating Pods for Bolton Street, with the same being introduced into Linenhall from Disabilities.

The VP for City Campus received a variety of feedback from Class Reps on issues around the Campuses.

In response to these issues, the VP has indicated that they are liaising with the University in securing funding for new projectors for classrooms in Bolton Street. This is part of the long-term solution approach the VP aims to have for IT issues in Bolton Street.

The VP has been assessing measures as to whether the SU can expand, in Bolton Street, into the area where AIB is located. The area has been left vacant by AIB, but they hold a contract over the site until the end of the year. Noting the end of contract time, the VP has given an assurance for strategic planning for the AIB area.

<p>The Bike Stands at the front of the Bolton Street Building have been moved to the Car Park which insists a safer, more secure biking area for students to trust their bikes are safe.</p> <p>The VP for City Campus has met with the Building Manager in Bolton Street and Linenhall to discuss conditions, long terms plans and remedies.</p> <p>Conversations have taken place with two Teams within the University. Firstly, the Head of Sports has been approached with queries re furniture and work with Sustainability has commenced to secure sustainable furniture for the SU.</p> <p>The VP for Campus has also been working alongside the President to secure off-peak free gym hours for students.</p> <p>Further advances have been made by the VP in introducing a subsidy scheme for the Canteens across Campuses.</p>	
<p>Events and Engagement</p> <p>The Shave or Dye Event has been postponed until the week of the 11th of December in response to the Dublin Riot on Thursday, 23rd of November noting safety concerns.</p> <p>With the list of events taking place throughout December, the VP for Welfare and Equality</p>	

<p>requested clarity on the running of Social Justice Week. The Executive confirmed that SJW will run coincidingly with the VP for Events' events.</p> <p>The Christmas Cards have been designed, ordered and delivered with sales commencing this week.</p> <p>The SU's annual Sleep Out has been confirmed for this Friday, 1st of December.</p>	
<p>President</p> <p>The President outlined the Executive's intention to trigger a Plebiscite for which will engage students in participatory democracy whilst also expressing a statement for the Student Body. Participatory democracy endorses representative democracy, and a plebiscite will engage the two together whilst driving a vehicle for awareness on a specific issue.</p> <p>The Executive spoke on various potential topics to run the Plebiscite on, namely: the eradication of Direct Provision (as proposed by the VP for Academic Affairs), the Housing Crisis (including homelessness) as proposed by the VP for Blanchardstown. Transgender Healthcare was another idea presented by the Blanch VP.</p> <p>The VP for Welfare pointed concentration towards a potential Plebiscite on Anti-Racism</p>	

considering the events of last week being taken into account. The Executive supported this idea, with a mention to progress 'anti-racism training' for staff and students the same way the University has consent training.

The President received an idea to host the Plebiscite circulating Article 41.2 of the Irish Constitution on "women's place in the home".

The Event for Palestinian Solidarity on International Solidarity Day for the People of Palestine is to take place tomorrow, 29th of November, outside of Bolton Street in collaboration with the TUI and TUD Staff.

The President has sent freedom of information requests to the relevant Office referring to Palestine/Israel, Seating, Blanchardstown Parking and whether profiting occurs in the latter.

A collaborative event will be taking place between TUDSU and EDI in response to the Dublin Riots.

Crisis Response Policy

The Executive has requested clarity from the University on the Crisis Response Policy, in order to act more efficiently and effectively in future.

The President gave an update on the Bradogue furniture and Open Gym Hours to the Executive.

Student Charter Update

The President spoke with USI on this issue and the Executive will be drafting a stance for Council which will outline TUDSU's intentions.

Student Council Motions/Policies

Motions and Policies are in the works in relation to the FOI'd topics.

Welfare and Equality

A meeting for Social Justice Week was conducted by the VP and plans are to host the event in the first week of December.

The VP attendance the Remembrance Day vent at Bolton Street where there was a small number of students in attendance despite the event taking place at lunchtime.

The VP has been in contact with the Blood Transfusion Service re hosting a Blood Donation Drive. Plans are ongoing.

The Operation Transformation event has been postponed this year to coincide with the main launch.

The VP attended an event ran by EDI in collaboration with Access and International Students on Aungier Street.

The VP has been in contact with the Doctoral Society about working more with the SU and other groups around the University.

The VP took attention to the absence of an emergency exit in EQ, when last week during a drill a person in a wheelchair couldn't leave effectively.

The VP is working on two motions at this time.

The VP took note of the exclusion of part time students to medical services in the University due to the fact they don't pay for Student Contributions.